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# **Multiple Endocrine Neoplasia A Case Study**

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# Conflicts of Interest

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# Introduction

What is MEN

Type of MEN

Case study

How should MEN be managed?

Conclusions

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# What is Multiple Endocrine Neoplasia?

- Encompasses several distinct syndromes
  - Tumours of the endocrine glands
- MEN1
- MEN2
- MEN3
- VHL



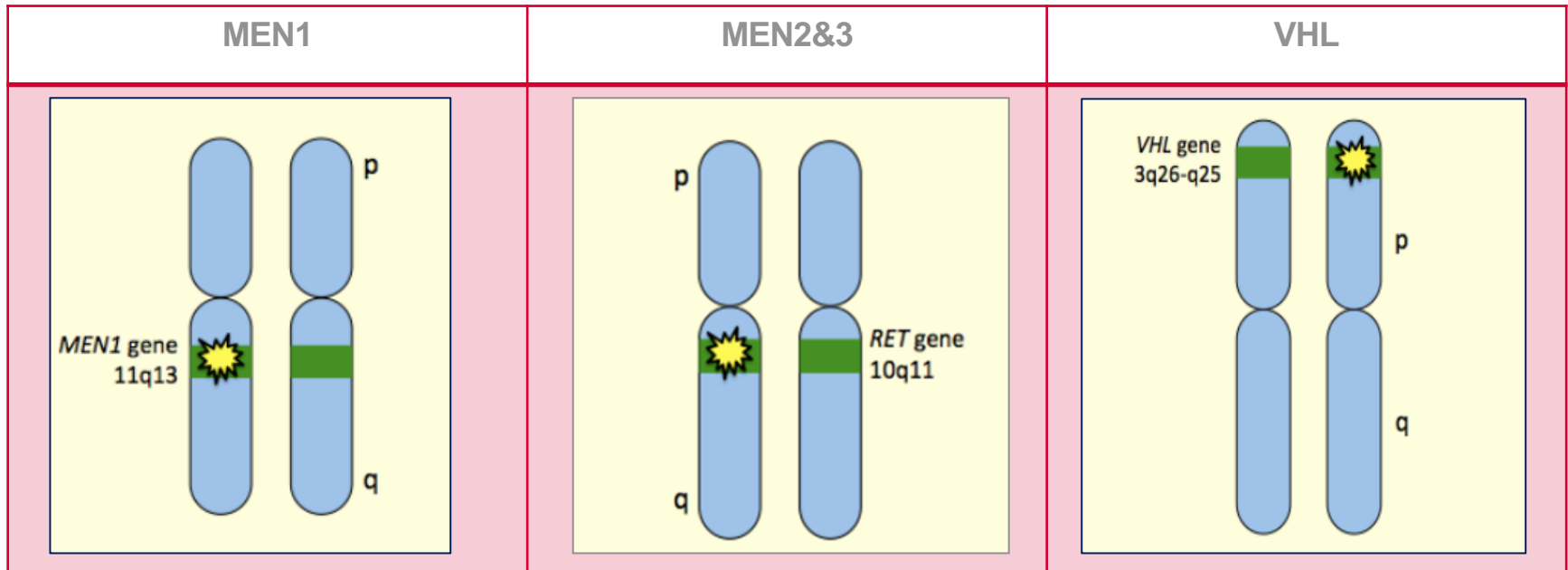
# How do they occur?

## MEN 1 & 2 and VHL

- Autosomal dominant
  - Only one mutation in one pair of genes is needed to cause the condition
  - 50% chance of having a boy or a girl with the same condition
- Most commonly present in early adulthood and onwards



# How do they occur?



# Genetic screening

Can now target individuals at risk

Genetic screening allows the children from affected families who have NOT inherited the mutation

- Reassured
- Avoid regular clinical monitoring
- Issues re: Informed consent, counselling and confidentiality

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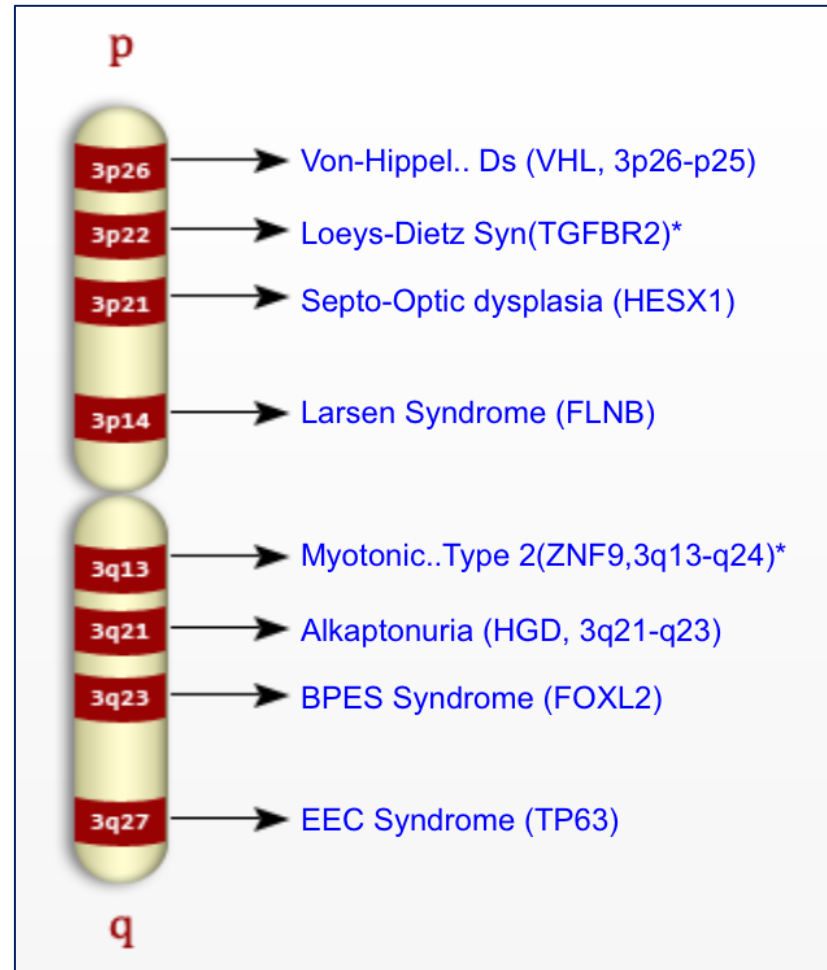


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# Von Hippel Lindau disease

Chromosome 3 – mutation in the tumour suppressor gene

Can identify the gene

- Pre-symptomatic screening

Autosomal dominant

- Each child of an affected individual has a 1 in 2 chance (50%) to inherit the gene alteration

Children referred

- Fellow adult endocrine teams managing in their affected parent

# Von Hippel Lindau disease

## Incidence

- 1 in 40,000
- Average age of presentation
  - 26 yrs of age

## Haemangioblastomas

- Brain, spinal cord, retina

## Renal cysts

## Phaeochromocytomas

# Phaeochromocytomas

Neuroendocrine tumour arising from the adrenal medulla

Usually benign, *can* be malignant

Excretes excess catecholamines

Uncommon cause of  $\uparrow$  BP  $\therefore$  can easily be missed

We have occasional bursts of cats when we are upset or stressed

- Those with phaeos have it all the time

# Phaeochromocytomas

## Symptoms ?

- ↑BP
- Headache
- Perspiration / episodic sweating
- Palpitations
- Anxiety attacks
  - May be incorrectly attributed to anxiety or depression

## Can cause life threatening conditions

- Hypertensive crisis
- Mets
  - Stroke
- Cardiac failure
  - MI

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# Case study – VHL

Male child Tom

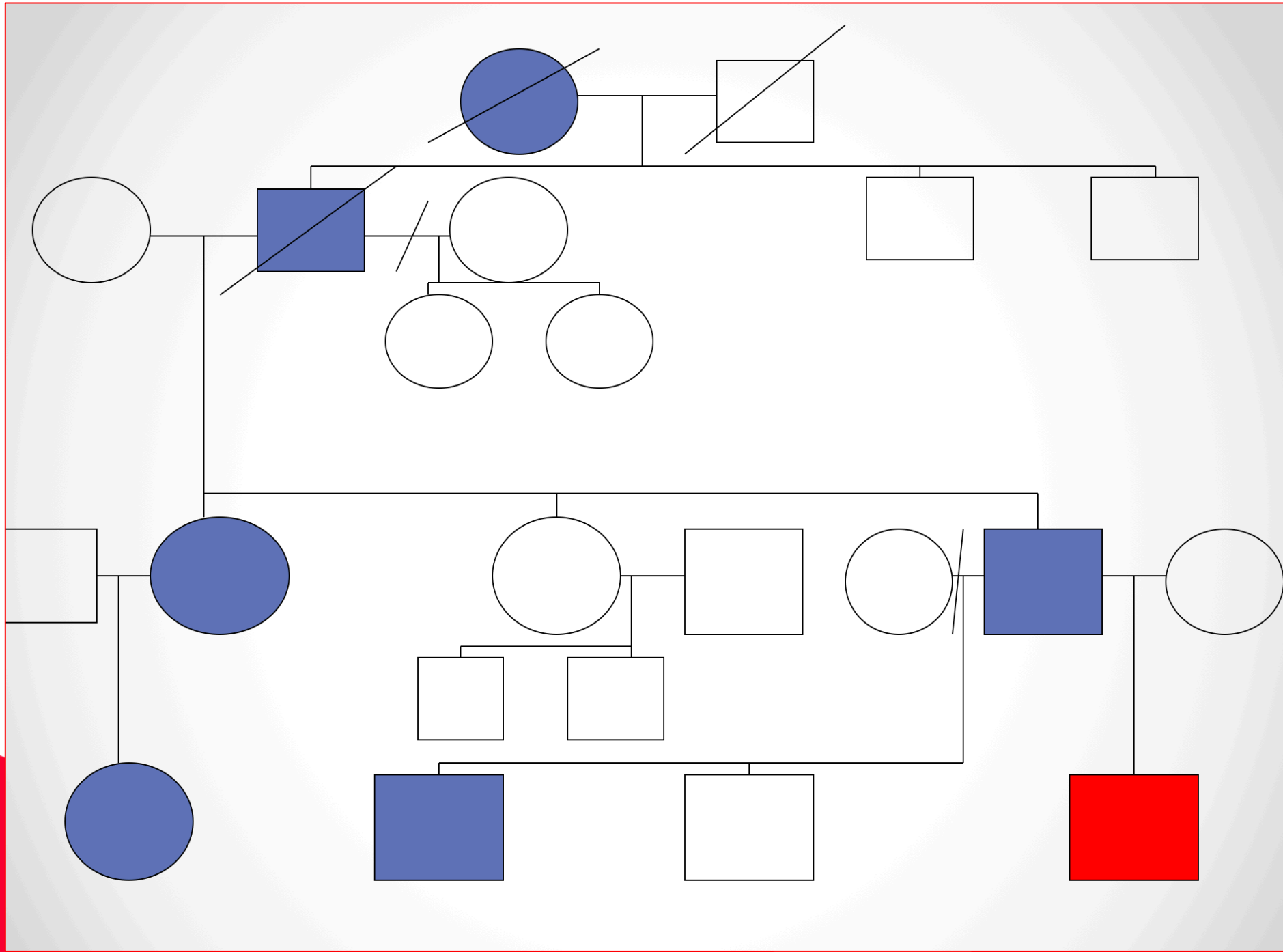
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Family history of VHL

Positive for the familial mutation in exon 3 of the VHL gene

Commenced screening programme

- 2006 age 5yrs





# Clinical screening

**2007, 2008, 2009**

All normal

**2010**

**January**

Urine catecholamine (noradrenaline)  
slightly elevated

370nmol/day (N=below 194)

Repeat and watch as asymptomatic

**May**

433nmol/day

**June**

MRI adrenal normal

**October**

372nmol/day

**2011**

**February**

477nmol/day

**2012**

Lesion seen on abdominal  
MRI

Repeat MRI with contrast  
MIBG scan

# **MRI Abdomen 12.10.12**

Review of imaging for endocrine VHL MDT 31.10.2012

There is a 3cm MIBG positive paraganglioma in the upper retroperitoneum interposed between in the aorta, IVC and portal vein. No local invasion seen. Slow increase in size since 2008.

Small areas of soft tissue in the distal aorto-caval region but these are currently indeterminate.

Normal kidneys, adrenals and pancreas

Excision of paraganglioma January 2013, age 11yrs

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# **Clinical management**

**April 2012**

- Paraganglioma
  - Small
  - No plans for surgery
  - Intermittent symptoms and continued raised catecholamines
  - Commence Doxazocin 0.5mg once daily
    - Increase to twice a day after a week if tolerated
    - Continue until surgery planned
- Doxazocin
  - Alpha blockade
    - Reduces BP

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# **MRI Abdomen 6.8.14**

New 9mm peripherally enhancing left adrenal nodule which demonstrates restricted diffusion likely to represent a small phaeochromocytoma

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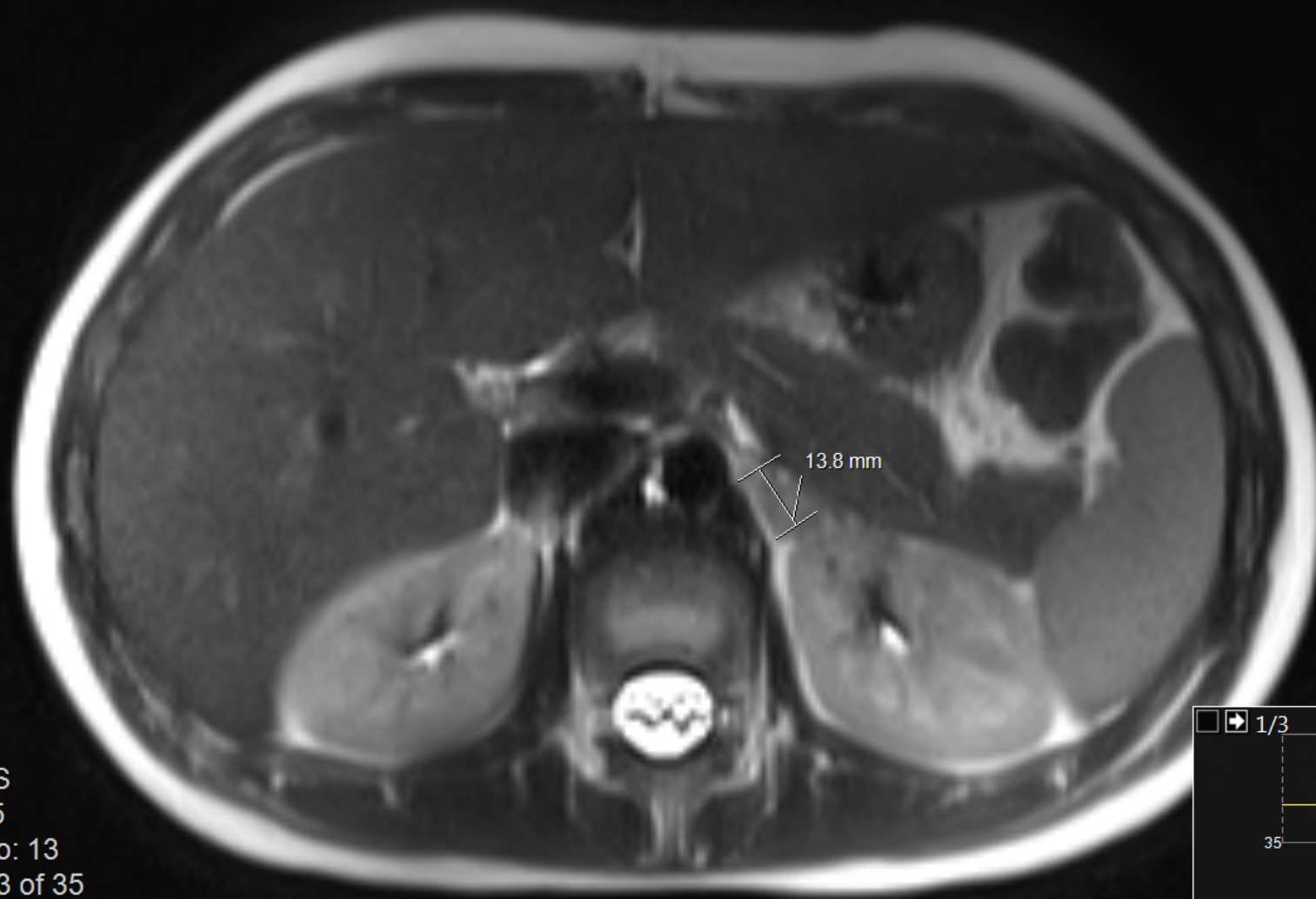
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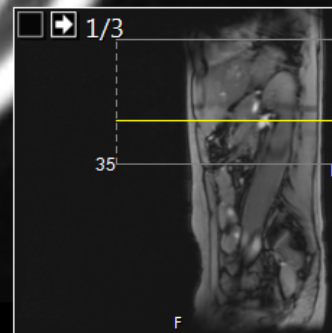
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# Clinical management

## 2014

- **November** age 13yrs
  - Now wants to be seen without his Mum
  - ? Pheochromocytoma
  - Tom very stressed and upset
  - Psychological input offered

## 2015

- Further imaging..


# **MRI Pancreas 23.2.15**

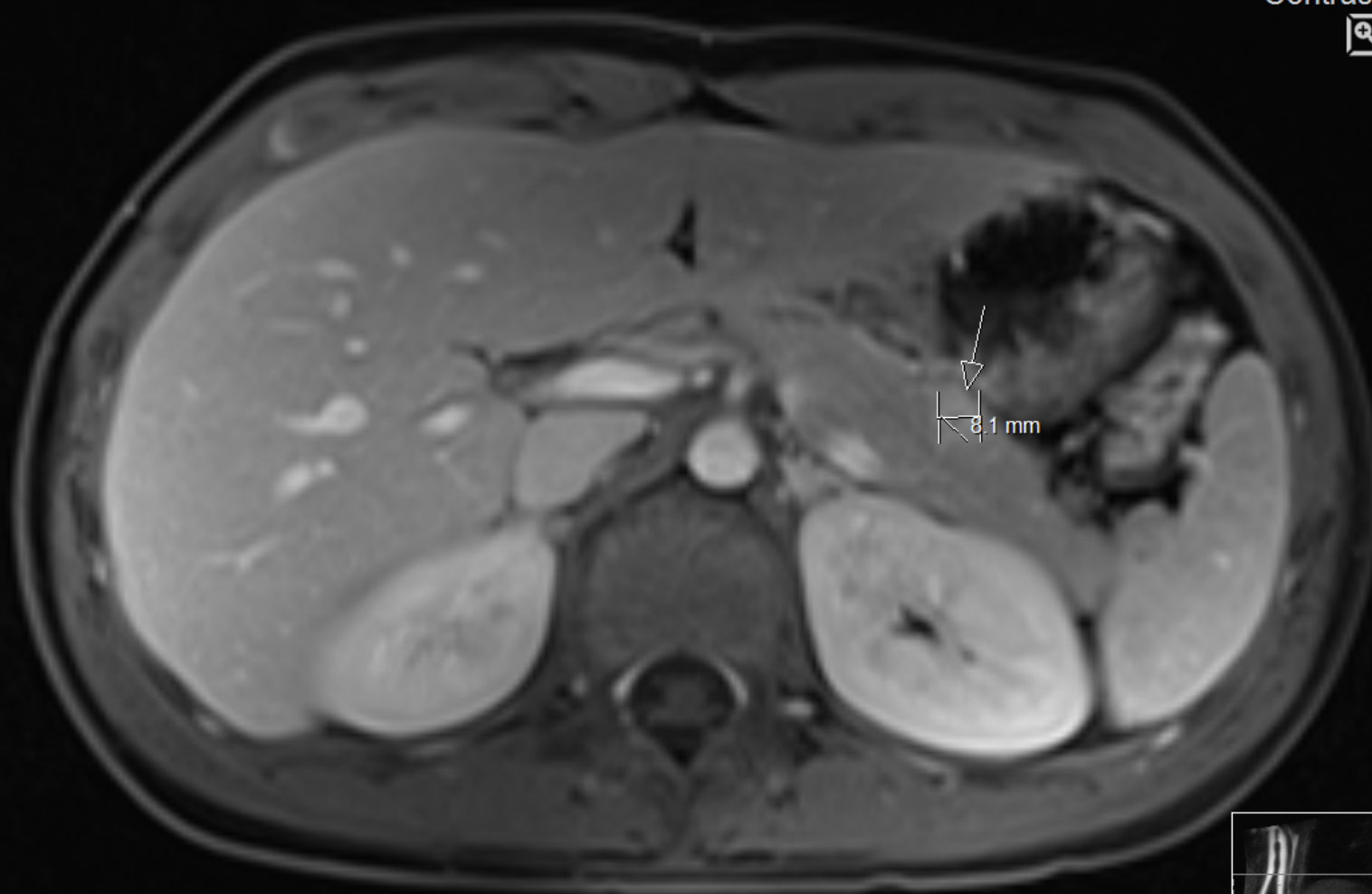
The anterior lesion in the tail of the pancreas is still present and demonstrates an arterial blush

This remains suggestive of an islet cell tumour

No other pancreatic lesion is demonstrated

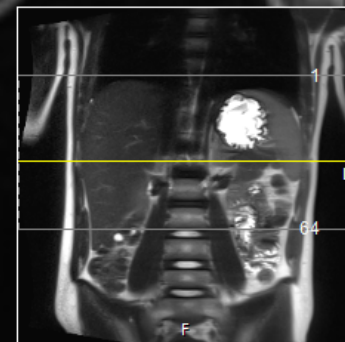
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# **MRI adrenals 14.7.15**

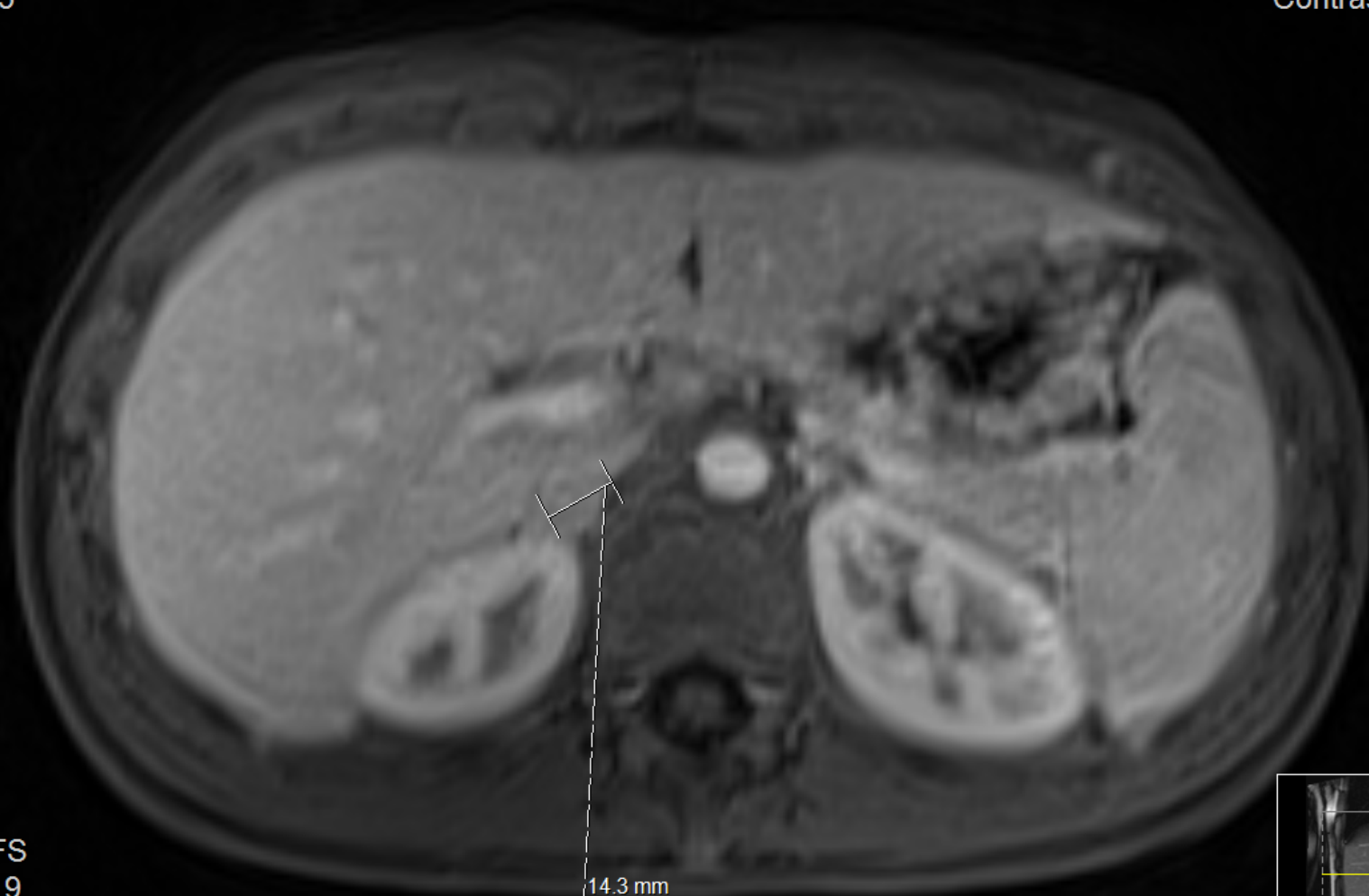
The right adrenal mass in the body of the adrenal has further increased in size now measures 13 mm.

The left adrenal nodule in the lateral limb is stable measuring 15 mm.

Both lesions have similar properties and the appearances are in keeping with small phaeochromocytomas

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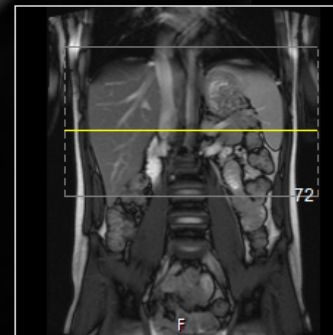
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# Continued management

2015

- July
- Bilateral pheochromocytomas
- Now proceed to surgery
- December – right adrenalectomy

2016

- April – surgical follow up

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- As you know he underwent a right laparoscopic adrenalectomy for a pheochromocytoma within the Von Hippel Lindau syndrome in December last year, from which he made a rapid and uncomplicated post-operative recovery.
- On examination today, all incisions have healed well.
- We knew pre-operatively that he had bilateral phaeochromocytomas however the right was the largest and we hoped to proceed with a staged adrenalectomy to preserve adrenal function for as long as possible.
- Unfortunately, post-operative urinary nor-metadrenaline has not decreased substantially although his mother tells me he remains normotensive and asymptomatic.
- I discussed the findings with him and his mother today and I have suggested that he seeks an early appointment with the paediatric endocrine team to discuss the potential for going back on to doxazosin. He particularly would like to avoid further surgery for at least a year. He is of course in his GSCE year currently.



## 2016

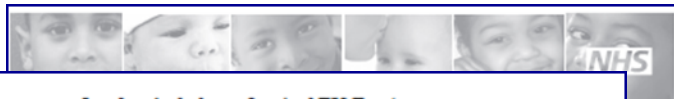
- **May** – paediatric endocrine (PE) follow up
  - Continue here and not the family VHL clinic
  - Headaches / hot flushes / diarrhoea
- **August** – PE follow up
  - Arrangements to be made for L adrenalectomy
  - Commence alpha and beta blockade
  - Discussed adrenal insufficiency post op
    - Dad already on HC
- **September** – Left adrenalectomy
  - Commenced on HC 7.5 / 5 / 5 and Fludrocortisone



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Patient Specific Protocol

PSP Paediatric Steroid Dependent Crisis

This protocol has been specifically prepared for **STERIOD DEPENDENT CRISIS** patients and details the

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Gastroenterology, Endocrinology, Metabolic & Adolescent Medicine (GEMA)  
Direct Line: 0207-813-8214

Date:  
Reference:

Dr  
Paediatric Consultant

Dear Dr

RE:

..... is a .... year old ..... under the care of ..... at Great Ormond Street Hospital. He is a  
boy/girl with ....., he/she was referred with ..... and we have since found he also has cortisol  
deficiency.

He/She has been commenced on Hydrocortisone at a dose of 2.5mg mane, 2.5mg at lunchtime, and 2.5mg nocte.  
.....'s mum has had education in his/her management during times of illness and has been trained in giving  
IM hydrocortisone should the need arise.

I would be extremely grateful if you could arrange for ..... to have fast track access at the .....  
should he/she require emergency IM hydrocortisone. Please let us know on the number below.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require more information on 0207 813 8214.

Many thanks,

Yours sincerely

.....  
Clinical Nurse Specialist

Hospital for Children NHS Trust  
London Hospitals NHS Trust

**Instructions for Hospital Doctor**

Dear Doctor,

If this patient is brought to hospital as an emergency  
the following management is advised:

- 1) Insert an IV cannula
- 2) Take blood for U&Es, glucose, and perform any  
other appropriate tests (e.g. urine culture)
- 3) Check capillary blood glucose level
- 4) Give 100 mg hydrocortisone intravenously as bolus  
(unnecessary if patient has already been given IM  
hydrocortisone)
- 5) Commence IV infusion of 0.45% sodium chloride  
and 5% glucose at maintenance rate (extra if  
patient is dehydrated). Add potassium depending  
on electrolyte
- 6) Commence hydrocortisone infusion (50 mg  
hydrocortisone in 50ml 0.9% sodium chloride via  
syringe pump)
- 7) Monitor for at least twelve hours before discharge

**IMPORTANT!** If blood glucose is < 2.5 mmol/l, give  
bolus of 2 ml/kg of 10% glucose  
If patient is drowsy, hypotensive and peripherally  
shut down with poor capillary return give 20ml/kg of  
0.9% sodium chloride stat.

If in any doubt about this patient's management,  
please contact the urgent advice numbers

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## 2016

- **November** – PE follow up
  - Feeling much better

## 2017

- **January** – Cortisol day curve
  - Not been feeling well, missing school mornings
  - Had had a recent viral illness
    - HC 10mg tds – felt better
  - Cortisol levels low
  - HC increased to 7.5mg tds
- **February** – Surgical follow up
  - Discharged home



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PE follow up imminent...

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# How should MEN / VHL be managed?

Screening important  
Medical and surgical management  
Nursing input  
Liaison with adult endocrine teams  
Patient support groups

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## **Benefits of Screening in von Hippel-Lindau Disease – Comparison of Morbidity Associated with Initial Tumours in Affected Parents and Children**

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### **What Is Already Known**

- Von Hippel-Lindau (VHL) is a rare highly penetrant autosomal dominant syndrome of associated multiple tumours with high morbidity and mortality.
- Genetic testing can identify affected children and enables pre-symptomatic screening of mutation-positive patients.

### **What New Information Has Been Gained**

- Screening allows early treatment and intervention.
- Screening can reduce morbidity and mortality.
- Combined genetic and clinical screening should commence at 5 years of age.



## • Genetics

- Analysis of the index case is key to identifying further members of the family at risk
- Can be done from age 5yrs
  - Enable clinical screening

*Reduction in morbidity compared to their parents*

## • Ophthalmology review

- Fundoscopy screening
- Adrenals
  - Pheochromocytomas
- Renal carcinomas
  - Now leading cause of death amongst VHL patients
    - Successful treatment for CNS haemangioblastomas
    - Imaging

VHL	Eyes	Fundoscopy	Fluorescein angiography	5 yrs	Annual
	CNS	Full examination		10 yrs	Annual
			MRI brain & spinal cord	10 yrs	3 yearly
	Renal	Abdominal examination	US kidneys	5 yrs	Annual
			MRI kidneys	5 yrs	3 yearly
	Adrenal (pheochromocytoma)	Blood pressure 24-hour urine collections (x3) – catecholamines (plus corresponding serum metanephrines)	US adrenal	5 yrs	Annual
			MRI adrenals	5 yrs	3 yearly



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# Patient support

## AMEND

- UK Patient support group
- [www.amend.org.uk](http://www.amend.org.uk)



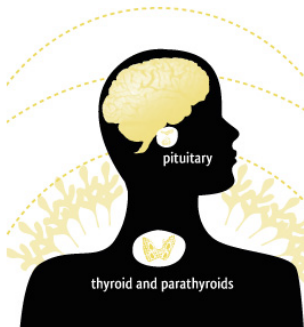
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## Introduction to MEN and associated tumours

Last Updated on Monday, 14 July 2014 12:18  
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### What is MEN?

MEN stands for Multiple Endocrine Neoplasia, of which there are three distinct types – MEN1, MEN2 and MEN3. MEN2 was formerly called MEN2a and MEN3 was formerly called MEN2b, and indeed there are similarities between the two.

Multiple Endocrine Neoplasia syndromes are inherited disorders – This means that they can be passed down in families, with each child of an affected parent having a 1 in 2 or 50% risk of inheritance.

MEN disorders cause more than one gland of the body's endocrine (gland) system to develop growths (tumours). The affected glands then produce abnormally increased

Daniel has MEN1 and Lisa has MEN2. With the help of their pet cats and animated friends, they explain their conditions simply.







# Conclusion

- Management of children with NETs / VHL very complex
- Importance of screening emphasised
  - Genetics and clinical
    - Inform families
    - Reduce need for screening
    - Reduction in morbidity compared to their parents
    - Can screen from age 5yrs
      - MEN2b genetics from age 1yr
- Shift in management
  - Screening – emphasis on imaging
  - Hydrocortisone management
- Patient support
- Transition

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